

Remarks

Claims 1-39 are pending in this Application. Claims 15-21 and 31-39 have been withdrawn from consideration. This Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) Cancels Claims 22-25. Applicant's Attorney apologizes for failing to include the text of the Withdrawn Claims in the Amendment and Remarks Filed on **09/01/2004**.

The Examiner should note that while preparing this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), Applicant's Attorney discovered that in Filing the Amendments and Remarks on **09/01/2004** I erroneously listed the Claims as Originally Filed while the Listing should have reflected Amendments to Claims 1, 16, 22 and 28, which were Filed in a Preliminary Amendment Filed at the same time as the Original Application. Since Claims 16 and 22 were erroneously listed in the **09/01/2004** Amendment merely as "(withdrawn)" this error would not have shown as to these two Claims; however, it affected the presentation of Claims 1 and 28.

As noted in the Amendment and Response Filed on **09/01/2004**, Applicant's Attorney also noticed that the second occurrence of the word "a" in line 2 of Claim 30 should have been "an." The Claim has been Amended to make the correction.

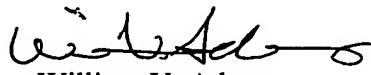
Conclusion

Applicant believes that having corrected herein the Non-Compliant Listing of Claims which appeared in the Non-Compliant Amendment Filed on **09/01/2004**, this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment taken with the Amendment and Remarks Filed on **09/01/2004** respond to each and every one of the Examiner's Rejections in the Office Action mailed **03/01/2004**; and is such as to place the Application into Condition for Allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local telephone number given below if, after considering this amendment, the Examiner is of the opinion that the Amendments made by Applicant, as corrected by this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) have not resolved all outstanding issues in this case and brought the case into Condition for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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